

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

New Round of U.S. EPA Brownfields Grants Announced

The U.S. EPA has just announced that they are accepting new rounds of applications for Brownfields Assessment Pilot Grants. These grants can help local governments begin redeveloping abandoned or under-utilized properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. The grants are funded up to \$200,000 and can be used for a variety of activities including: identification of sites, site assessments, planning, outreach, site investigation, and remediation planning. Applications deadlines are December 11, 1998 and March 22, 1998, so get your application in right away. To find out more about the application process, look on the U.S. EPA brownfields website: www.epa.gov/brownfields or call Jim Van der Kloot with U.S. EPA at (312) 353-3161.

New Procedure to Apply for the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption

If an individual, business or unit of government wants to conduct an environmental investigation and cleanup of a contaminated property in order to receive an exemption from future liability, they should now send their application directly to the DNR Land Recycling Team contact in their region. The Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) is found in s. 292.15, of the Wisconsin Statutes and was initially created in 1994 by Wisconsin Act 453. In addition to sending in applications, any questions about the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption should be directed to the regional Land Recycling Team contact listed below.

In order to participate in the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption process, you must now submit your completed application form (Form 4400-178) to the regional Land Recycling contact listed below. Be sure to send your \$250 application fee, payable to the "Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources," with your application.

To receive an application form (Form 4400-178) you may call 1-800-367-6076 in-state or (608) 264-6020 out-of-state or request an application from the regional contacts listed below. The list below includes the current DNR Land Recycling Team contacts in the five DNR regions.

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